

Handbook 23

Chapter 13 -Closing A USAID Mission, has been superseded by Supplemental Reference Closing a Mission.

Note HB 23, Chapter 13A remains active.

13A. Introduction

This Chapter outlines the general conditions, procedures and responsibilities for closing a USAID as an operating entity. The closing out of a USAID may or may not include closing out all United States assistance activities. The closing out of a USAID can take place as a "normal" closing, an "immediate" closing, or an "emergency" closing, as follows:

1. A normal closing out usually will occur as a consequence of a joint agreement of understanding between the United States and the cooperating country.
2. An immediate closing out occurs because of unusual circumstances and in most instances is the result of unilateral action either on the part of the United States Government or on the part of the cooperating country. This may call for the termination of assistance pursuant to the Foreign Assistance Act or other U.S. Government prohibitions. Whereas, a normal closeout permits a relatively unhurried approach, in an immediate closeout situation time may be severely limited.
3. An emergency closing out occurs because of critical conditions at post such as war, civil disturbance or natural disaster. The provisions of this Chapter do not apply to an emergency closing. (See Chapter 12, Emergency Planning.)

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